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GRAFT FOR ENDOLUMINAL DELIVERY  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Office Letter dated **April 25, 2006**.

The Examiner requires that claims of one of Groups I through V be elected for prosecution. Applicants elect to prosecute Group III, claims 22-30. This election is made with traverse.

The claims of Groups I and II, claims 1-21, all recite common elements and are directed to a common invention namely apparatus and a method involving the use of that apparatus. The restriction between them should not be required since their examination will necessarily involve a search of the same subject matter.

Likewise, claims 22-51, the claims of Groups III, IV and V, all recite common elements and are directed to a common invention namely a particular product and kits and systems for using that product. The restriction between them should not be required since their examination will necessarily involve a search of the same subject matter.

For these reasons, applicants respectfully urge that the pending restriction requirement should be withdrawn and, if anything, replaced by to a restriction requirement between claims 1-21 and claims 22-51. In that event

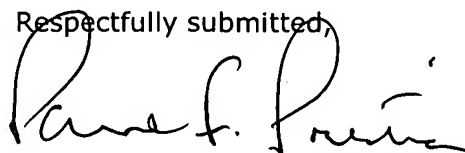
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applicants' provisional election would be with respect to the claim group including claims 1-21.

Prompt examination of those claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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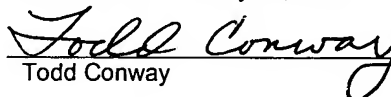
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